

## Faculty Relations Programming Ideas

Alpha Gamma Rho is an integral part of the University "family" so as good family members, we must work with faculty members and administrators and gain from their knowledge and experience, while at the same time giving them a better idea of the benefits of Alpha Gamma Rho.

This publication has been designed to help you develop effective faculty relations programs in your chapter. Good Luck!

1. Invite a faculty member to dinner. Wear coats and ties and ask him/her to speak after dinner about a subject within his/her field which might interest the Brothers.
2. Invite a faculty member to present a study skills seminar.
3. Ask faculty members in various fields to serve as chapter resources to help those having problems or difficulties in a particular subject or area of study.
4. Create a "Professor of the Month" award and present it to a different faculty member each month in recognition of outstanding teaching and/or research work.
5. Start a faculty library. Contact faculty members who have published books and ask for an autographed copy to be included in your chapter library of works by local professors.
6. Invite faculty to Parents' Day activities. Give them an opportunity to speak to the parents about the education their sons are gaining.
7. Have Big and Little Brothers visit faculty members together. The purpose of this visit is to obtain assistance for the brother in an area in which he would like to be doing better.
8. Send congratulatory notes to recognize faculty members who are doing outstanding research or teaching or who have received campus, state or national awards.
9. Take out an advertisement in the campus newspaper on Secretaries' Day thanking college/university clerical staff for their hard work.
10. Offer your chapter's assistance to the Dean of Students and other faculty through community service, service on committees, or other duties which might come up involving the college/university.

11. Hold a reception or dinner at the end of the year to thank the faculty for their efforts. This could be coordinated with a sorority on your campus to gain even more exposure.
12. Hold a cultural stimulation night, in which you invite faculty members of different cultural backgrounds to discuss their culture and the traditions and customs of their culture.
13. Encourage each Brother to visit with each of his professors once a week or once every other week, for the purpose of developing a greater understanding of lecture material.
14. Initiate, or ask the Dean of Students to initiate, a questionnaire to all faculty members to discuss how many are members of a Fraternity or Sorority. Also how many are not members of a Fraternity but would be interested in either assisting a Fraternity or serving as a speaker or resource for the Greek System. Form a speakers directory.
15. Ask a faculty member to assist with the development of a study room in the chapter house. Get advice regarding computers and other resource/research material which would help to develop an effective study area for the Chapter.
16. Hold a scholarship dinner in which each Brother invites and brings a faculty member to dinner. Award the Chapter's scholarship awards to Brothers (for outstanding GPA, most improved GPA, etc...) at this time.
17. Invite the college/university president to a formal dinner. Ask him/her to speak to the Chapter about leadership or any area of his/her expertise.
18. Coordinate a "Speak Up" competition where Brothers would deliver prepared and impromptu speeches which would be judged by faculty/administration in the Communications Department. This could become an interfraternal competition as well.
19. Have a faculty member assist the scholarship chairman in developing an academic calendar of events which could be posted on the bulletin board.
20. Conduct a Faculty Appreciation Day with various events geared toward appreciating the faculty at your college/university.
21. Conduct a philanthropic activity which would involve AGRs and also members of the faculty/administration at the college/university.
22. Develop a "Speakers Series" Program where faculty/administration speak on a weekly or bi-monthly basis to chapter members following a formal dinner at the chapter house.

23. Encourage the initiation of faculty members as faculty/graduate initiates into the Fraternity. This process is fairly easy to accomplish in most cases.
24. Pilot or start a new academic program on your respective college/university. Use your creativity.
25. Conduct a "Write Up" competition where Brothers are given a topic and asked to write down some meaningful thoughts about that topic in a specified period of time. Have professors from the English Department review the write up entries and determine a winner. This also could be conducted as an interfraternal competition.
26. Organize a faculty intramural team.
27. Have a faculty member of the semester/year award which could be presented at the Greek Awards Banquet for the Interfraternity Council. Your chapter could sponsor the award.
28. Utilize a faculty member or members to verify the scholastic averages of Brothers.
29. Have a Scholarship Review board who would meet individually with Brothers at the beginning of each semester and the end of each semester. The first meeting would be to set academic goals and objectives and the follow-up meeting would be to see how well the Brother or prospect performed and what can be done to improve on the next semesters grades. The Review Board could be made up of faculty members.
30. Develop a tutor program where a faculty member would work with a prospect or brother who desires, and is in need of, academic assistance in a particular area of study.
31. Have a faculty member assist the Chapter in developing a used book sale day in which proceeds would go toward a local organization/agency which combats illiteracy. Books could be collected from other fraternities and sororities, thus making this an interfraternal project.
32. Cultivate and recruit five to eight "Faculty Friends" (male and female from different departments) who would assist the chapter on a regular basis in the official capacity of a Faculty Friend.
33. Visit the Student Affairs Office to find out from the Greek Advisor or Coordinator of Student Affairs who among the faculty/administration would be willing to work with your chapter or any Fraternity or Sorority.

34. Encourage the IFC to have prominent faculty attend IFC meetings from time to time to share their feelings and the sentiments of the faculty about Fraternities. This will allow the IFC, and the various Fraternities, to stay in touch with the issues which the faculty feel are important. The faculty could also give counsel and advice to the IFC on how to deal with certain issues.
35. Have the Faculty Friends meet with the alumni board so that all advisory groups to the chapter could meet and talk with one another.
36. Conduct a Faculty Resource Day for prospects and Brothers (how to use the library, how to use the career counseling center, etc...).
37. Sponsor a faculty presented award that would be given to a deserving student on the campus.
38. Have the Brothers conduct yard work for the faculty members living near the chapter house.
39. Develop a system of welcoming new faculty members to the campus. The faculty is constantly in a state of turnover and the new faculty members would welcome this type of attention. Do something nice to welcome them to their new environment.
40. Combine with a Sorority and faculty members to complete a project (philanthropic, social, etc...).
41. Develop a faculty Big Brother Program.
42. Have a letter sent from the Faculty Friends to parents of prospective members emphasizing faculty relations and supervision.
43. Conduct a faculty family picnic to recognize faculty and their families.
44. Volunteer to serve in various capacities for research and thesis projects.
45. Appoint a Faculty Friends Chairman (both undergraduate and faculty member).
46. Develop a Faculty Friends Newsletter and have this distributed to other faculty members to spawn additional interest.
47. Have a "Point/Counterpoint" article in your chapter newsletter devoted to a certain campus or national issue. Have two professors give differing viewpoints.
48. Conduct a career night to learn from faculty members what various careers exist in a certain major or field of study. Invite local businessmen and alumni to participate as well.

49. Involve the faculty in recruitment and membership education. Have faculty members critique the membership education program for educational value. Their unbiased comments could be very revealing.
50. Acknowledge faculty birthdays with a card, cake or other tribute. Thank you notes to Secretaries can go a long way.
51. Volunteer the chapter house and facilities for department gatherings and other meetings.
52. Conduct a fundraiser with faculty members to benefit a cause related to their work or research.
53. Have faculty members present for parents day/weekend. Have one of the Faculty Friends give a speech to the parents about the chapter's Faculty Friends Program.
54. Conduct a "Faculty Roast" to honor a faculty member who has served the college/university for many years.
55. Involve faculty members in chapter retreats and planning sessions.
56. Conduct a faculty debate where faculty members would debate a certain issue at the chapter house.
57. Organize a "Faculty Breakfast Club" where faculty and members get together and talk informally over breakfast.
58. Involve faculty members in Leadership Seminars and other types of educational programming.
59. Invite a member of the faculty from the Marketing Department to critique your recruitment marketing/advertising plan and give you suggestions for reaching a larger market of students on the campus.
60. Have a member of the faculty from the Management/Business Department take a look at your management system in the chapter and offer suggestions and advice for improving this structure.
61. Solicit faculty members for ideas as to how their students, who might be performing a thesis or senior project, can conduct a project related to your chapter, so the chapter will benefit from the research conducted.
62. Send the faculty members a copy of your chapter newsletter/publication to inform them of undergraduate and alumni events such as Homecoming and Founders' Day.

63. Conduct a "Faculty Car Wash" or other similar service to show your appreciation for their work at your college/university.
64. **Make it Happen! Your Chapter and your Brothers will benefit from this program!**